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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/535,836
Filing Date	March 28, 2000
First Named Inventor	Ohtani et al.
Group Art Unit	2811
Examiner Name	H. Vu
Attorney Docket Number	SEL 173

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 7, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Two Months Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 01 FC:116 400.00 DP
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any deficiencies in fees
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 & 400.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
Ohtani et al.)
Serial No.: 09/535,836)
Filed: March 28, 2000)
For: Semiconductor Device Having)
Multi-layer Wiring)
Art Unit: 2811)
Examiner: H. Vu)

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AMENDMENT D

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 9, 2002 and the Final Rejection dated January 7, 2002, a RCE and two month extension of time being separately submitted, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
a first insulating film comprising an organic material formed over a conductive layer;
a first metallic layer formed on said first insulating film;
a second metallic layer formed on said first metallic layer;
a second insulating film formed on said second metallic layer; and